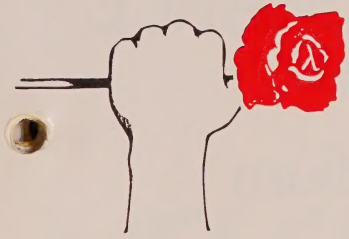

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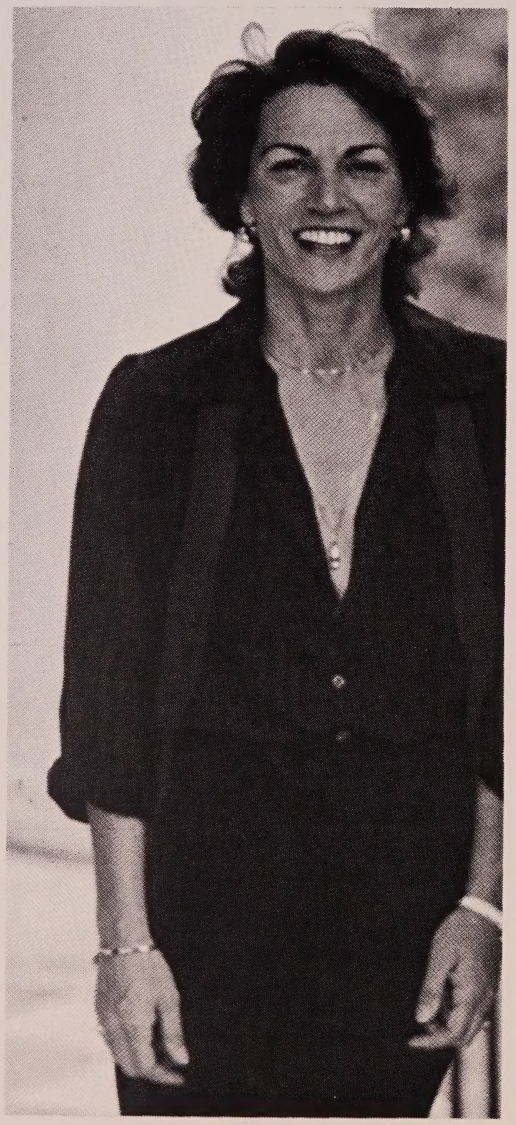

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In its eighth consecutive year, the Southeastern Conference continues to provide a forum for lesbians and gay men to share aspects of our lives, broaden information and skills, and encourage greater community involvement through extensive networking in this region of the country.

Many individuals and groups--far too many to mention individually--have provided monetary, knowledge and labor support toward the many activities involved to pull this Conference together. This cooperation and coalition building strengthens our community and our fight for civil rights to lesbians and gay men.

We have assembled over fifty facilitators and speakers to share their information in the 37 workshops presented during these next few days. We want you too to share your experiences in these meetings, and to report your feelings to the Steering Committee members so we can continue to expand and improve the Southeastern Conference in years to come.

Learn and share during your stay, but most of all enjoy it. Thanks for your support.

Sincerely,

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8-9 a.m. Registration

9 a.m.-12 noon:

AIDS SYMPOSIUM

Panel discussion on the AIDS crisis, featuring current research, preventitive information, and an overview of the problem.

James Curran, M.D., M.P.H.
Lewis Katoff, Ph.D.
James Braude, M.D.
Members, AID-Atlanta

Lanier Ballroom

12noon - 2 p.m. Lunch (Available at the Hotel)

2-3:30 p.m.:

Conversatory Hour for Patients with AIDS or Immune Deficiency and Their Friends Lew Katoff, Ph.D.

Hartwell A

2-4 p.m.:
SUBSTANCE ABUSE PANEL DISCUSSION

A presentation focusing on the alcoholism and drug addiction crises within our community, featuring recovering lesbian/gay alcoholics and co-alcoholics.

Linda C. Regnier, R.N.
David MacDonald

Sinclair Auditorium

4-5 p.m.:

Caucus for Lesbian/Gay Addiction Professionals

Meeting to form a local chapter of NAGAP, the National Association of Gay Alcoholism Professionals, for networking, support, and outreach to our community.

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CHILD CARE SPACE: All day during workshop sessions.

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6-7:30 p.m.:

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SATURDAY, APRIL 30

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8-9 a.m. Registration

9-9:30 a.m.:

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Virginia Apuzzo, Executive Director, National Gay Task Force and Fund for Human Dignity.

Lanier Ballroom

9:40-11:10 a.m.:

WORKSHOP SESSION I

BWMT (Black and White Men Together) and It's Role in the Community

Grieg Leonard, Atlanta, GA
Joe Calhoun, Memphis, TN

Includes a brief background description of BWMT, nationally and regionally. Describes the role of chapters within the gay community and as a liason between minorities who may be of assistance to the gay community.

Room 111

Lesbian/Gay Literature: An Overview

Armistead Maupin, San Francisco, CA
Allida Black, Atlanta, GA

An historical overview of lesbian/gay novels with resource materials. Special attention will be paid to current publishing trends, serialized fiction, and author/publisher conflicts.

Jackson A

The Lesbian/Gay Couple As Family: Principles For Building Satisfying Relationships

Josephine H. Stewart, MSW, CSW - ACP
Travis L. Peterson, MSW, CSW - ACP
Houston, TX

The presenters, drawing from their practices in relationship counseling, will focus on: comparisons and contrasts of heterosexual and homosexual couples; positives and negatives in traditional gay and lesbian love relationships; agreements, beliefs and expectations that lead to positive or negative outcomes; techniques for dealing with conflicts.

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Coming Out in the South: Women's Experience - Issues and Concerns

Caitlin Ryan, MSW, Atlanta

Is coming out in the South different than coming out in another part of the country? A discussion of regional attitudes and practices. Data will be shared from a 1982-research project conducted in Atlanta on coming out practices of professional women.

Room 115

Police Community Relations

Buren W. Batson, Atlanta
Judd Herndon, Atlanta
Alan Robinson, New Orleans

Targeted at improving relationships between the lesbian/gay community and law enforcement agencies, this workshop will discuss programs in two major Southern cities. Spotlighted are: police advisory commission, training programs for recruits and in-service classes, monitoring devices/protocol for inappropriate police behavior.

Jackson B

Keeping Well in a World That Wants You Sick

Franklin Abbott, MSW
Atlanta, GA

Gay men are facing an increasingly frightening health crisis. This workshop focuses on the emotional aspects and impact of sexually related diseases. Well-ness includes becoming aware of how problems with self-esteem both inhibit pleasure and create stresses that contribute to our inability to combat illness.

Room 109

Gay Peer Volunteers: Crisis, Service, Resource

Members, Gay Peer Volunteers
Tallahassee, FL

A how-to approach for starting and running an important community resource which provides counseling, social events, a speaker's bureau and hot line. Training manuals available for participants.

Room 117

Grassroots Organizing: A Case Study From Falwell Country

Doug, Gerry, Janice
Lynchburg, VA

Discussion of the development of gay community organizations, including initial problems, networking, recruitment of members, and methods to maintain vitality. Experiences are based on forming the Blue Ridge Lambda Alliance and Positive Alternative Lifestyles.

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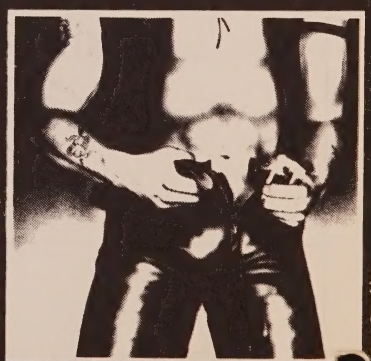

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WORKSHOP SESSION II

Lesbian Herstory

Members, ALFA, Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance

Vivid recollections of lesbians of the past, their experiences, strengths, and hopes.

Oconee Room

Gay Lib: From Pulpit to Pew

A panel of prominent clergy assess the impact of lesbian and gay issues on institutional religion. This workshop is sponsored by members of the Religious Council.

Blueridge Room

Men's Concerns/Women's Concerns

Mary Jones, New Orleans, LA

Open discussion of how we see ourselves and one another as feminine and masculine, lesbians and gay men. Men and women will have an opportunity to share their fears, dislikes, questions and concerns, and perhaps, approach some answers.

Room 115

Maintaining Health and Humor When the Right Is In the White House

Susan Ottzen, spiritual integrationist
Atlanta, GA

This workshop will focus on specific ways to open internal space so that there is room for hope and humor to thrive and take root.

Room 111

Overcoming Trashing and Turf: Or How to Overcome Crises in Community Organization

Virginia Apuzzo, New York

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Jackson A

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Tina Stern Ph.D., Atlanta

Considerations on selecting a therapist, feminist theory, aspects of treatment and mutual growth.

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Herpephobia? How to Create the Difference That Makes A Difference

Robert Deen
Linda C. Regnier, R.N.
Atlanta, GA

Wholistic educational and counseling workshop packed with information, insight, and advice. Includes: basic facts on herpes, preventing infection of partners, review of current medicine and nutritional management of recurrences, as well as: developing a positive self-image, negative implications of viewing herpes as incurable, and suggestions to relieve chronic stress and intimacy anxiety.

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Being Out-Staying Out: The Professional's Dilemma In Creating Social Change

Gary Raymond, MSW
Washington, D.C.
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Some thoughts on staying alive, not selling out, keeping your sense of humor, challenging systems, and maintaining that delicate balance of outwardly owning your lesbian/gay identity while still managing to keep your job (and/or changing the system from within). An open discussion brought to you by two lesbian/gay/activist social workers who were "out" in applying to graduate school and continue to be in various stages ever since.

Oconee Room

Gay Helplines

Gerry, Doug and Janice
Lynchburg, VA

Discussion of organizing, staffing, and running a helpline, with ideas for community needs assessment, training, publicizing, and funding.

Jackson A

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Suite 1502

Gay Parenting

John and Merril Harris
Dowelltown, TN

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Making a Culture of Our Own: A Workshop for Gay Men

Franklin Abbott, MSW
Atlanta, GA

An exploration of how gay men's culture is and isn't evolving. Participants are invited to share their writings, music and art.

Room 109

1-3 p.m. Lunch
(Available at the Hotel)

3-4:30 p.m.:

WORKSHOP SESSION III

Lesbian/Gay Rights Before Congress

Abby Rubenfeld, New York

An up-to-date presentation of bills in Congress that will help and hurt gay people by a managing attorney with Lambda Legal Defense.

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Oconee Room

Running For Office As An Openly Gay Candidate

Ollie Lee Taylor,
New Orleans, LA
John Grannon, Tampa, FL

An overview of the personal and political issues based on the experiences of two openly gay candidates for city office.

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Gay Coupling: Exploring Probable Parameters

Douglas Carl, Ph.D., Atlanta, GA

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Blueridge Room

Gay Evangelicals: Your Voice in the Bible Belt

EOM, Evangelical Outreach Ministries, Atlanta, GA

A review of the rise and scope of the Gay Evangelical Movement and how it is working in the areas of dialogue with the Churches, the enrichment of the social and spiritual lives of gay believers, and outreach through faith-sharing and community support.

Room 115

Sexual Orientation Vs Sexual Orientation and What It Has To Do With Homophobia, Coming Out, Oppression and Gay Pride

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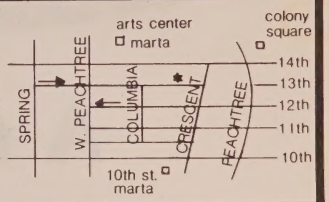

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Stewart Butler, New Orleans

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Room 111

4:30-6:00 p.m.

WORKSHOP SESSION IV

Lesbian Health Concerns

Staff, Feminist Women's Health Center
Claire McCall, M.N., Family Nurse Practitioner

This workshop deals with lesbian well-health issues. Topics include: sexuality, gynecological issues, sexually transmitted diseases, and self-examination. Basically, lesbians are healthier than straights, but there are some health issues we need to be aware of.

Room 117

Gay and Lesbian Democratic Clubs: An Overview

Tom Chorlton, Washington, D.C.

Information on the recently formed Gay Caucus of the Democratic Party, by the executive director of the National Association of Gay and Lesbian Democratic Clubs, with suggestions for organizing a lesbian/gay caucus of any non-partisan political group. The workshop will provide an initial introduction to the 1984 delegate selection process with an update on the democratic presidential candidates and their relation to the lesbian/gay committee.

Jackson A

Issues Of Aging: Old and Gray or Old and Gay?

Marcia Bond
Wayne Nidiffer
Julia Rux, Ph.D.
Atlanta, GA
Chris Almvig, New York

As an effort to begin outreach and networking among southeastern lesbians and gay men interested in aging issues, this workshop will focus on sharing available information and exploring feelings about the aging process. Older gay men and lesbians will "report back from the front" and forum leaders will have specific "myth-busting news" to relate of what is now known about lesbians and gay men getting older.

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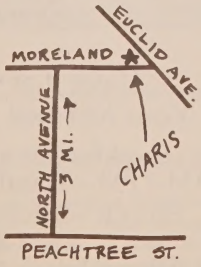

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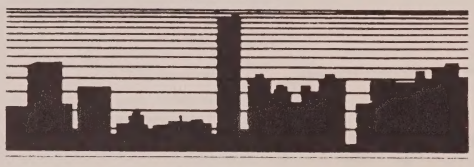

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Women's Music

Beth York, Atlanta, GA

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Blueridge Room

BWMT (Black and White Men Together) and Outreach To Minorities

Melvin Ross, Atlanta, GA
Irwin Rothenberg, Memphis

Discussion of BWMT as a bridge, resource, and catalyst to activate minority members of the Gay Community and to help the Gay Community at large implement needed services to "forgotten" minorities who are gay.

Oconee Room

Creating New Lives and Family Systems

Gary Raymond, MSW
Washington, D.C.

In struggling against oppression we offer one another and the larger society opportunities for developing new family systems, support networks and relationship styles. This workshop will focus on ways of rethinking traditional lifestyles and exploring possibilities for expressing our kinship and social bonds, in adaptive and creative ways.

Room 111

WOMEN'S CAUCUS:On Reviving Ancient Heresies

Maria Helena Dolan
Kandy Richmond
Atlanta, GA

An examination of the role(s) that matriarchical spirituality plays in the lives of womyn today. The workshop will include aspects of Tarot, Astrology Wiccan circles, physical/mental disciplines, and comparative mythologies implemented by some chanting and breathing exercises sharing life experiences and practices that enrich our spiritual lives.

Suite 1502

Donor Insemination

Pat Del Rey, Athens, GA
Tina Stern, Ph.D., Atlanta

An open discussion of methods, techniques and resources for women and men interested in donor insemination.

Room 115

Challenging the Sodomy Laws

Katherine Wilde, Atlanta

An informational workshop led by a member of GOAL, Georgians Opposed to Archaic Laws, for anyone interested in challenging state sodomy statutes. Presented by parties involved in such a challenge, this workshop will cover legal questions, organizational strategies and community relations which are raised during a constitutional suit.

Room 109

Lesbian/Gay Poetry Reading

A presentation of poems by local lesbian and gay poets.

Location to be announced

CHILD CARE: Available all day during workshop sessions.

Room 110

8:30 p.m.:

BENEFIT PERFORMANCE

A gala evening of dance, entertainment and song, featuring:

RITA MAE BROWN
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with:

ATLANTA GAY MEN'S CHORUS
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SUNDAY, MAY 1

Stadium Hotel
(Ramada/Capitol Plaza)
450 Capitol Ave.

9:30-10 a.m.:

Community on Mission:
A Special Celebration of Praise

(EOM) Evangelical Outreach Ministries, Atlanta

Jackson A

10-10:30:

PLENARY SESSION

Conference wrap-up and selection of location for the 1984 Southeastern Conference for Lesbians and Gay Men.

Lanier Ballroom

10:30-12 noon:

CAUCUS SPACE

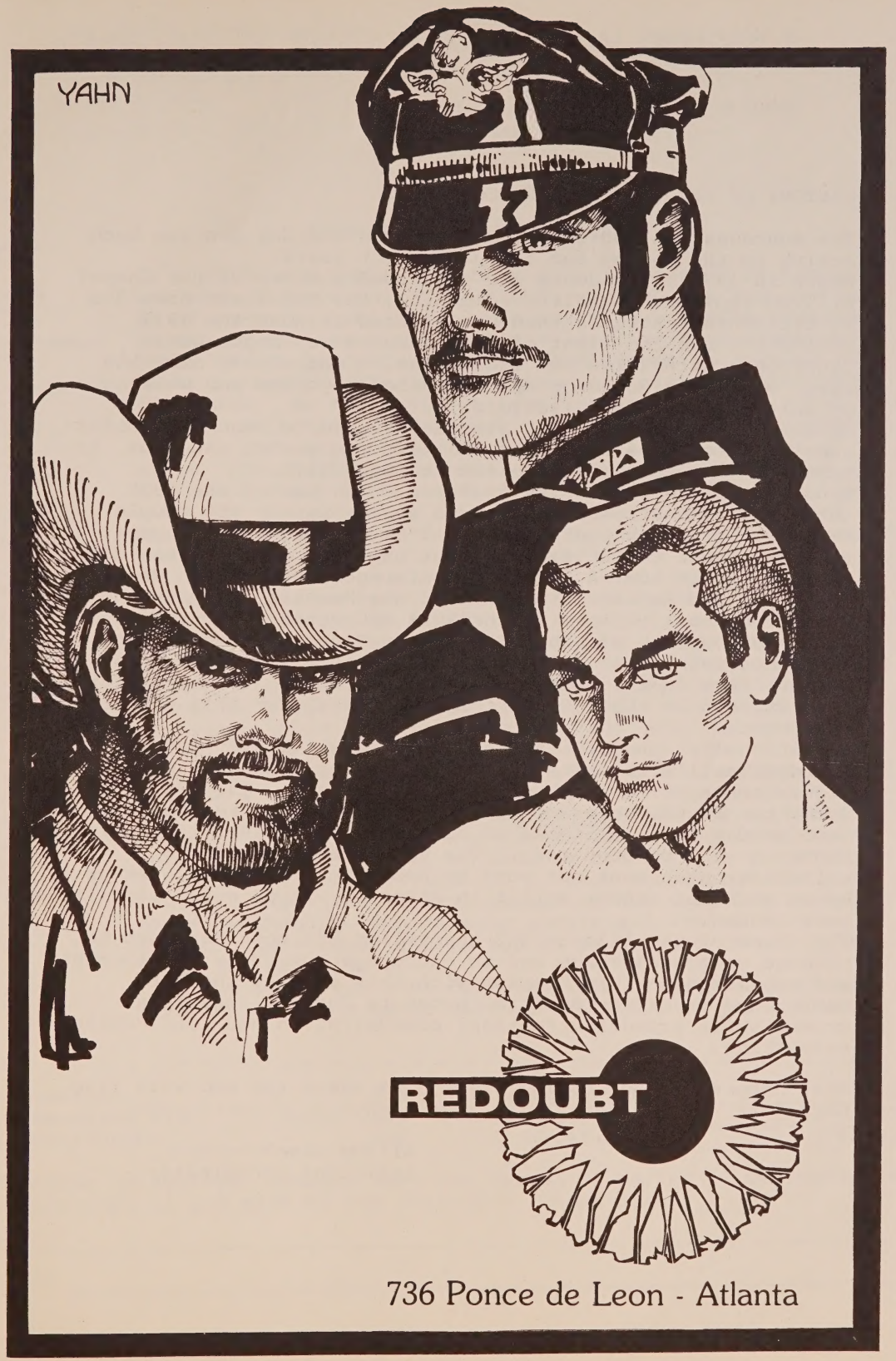
Space available for any groups to network who haven't already done so, or who would like to confab again.

Lanier Ballroom
Jackson A & B

1 p.m.:

PICNIC IN PIEDMONT PARK

Look for the Conference Contingent on the hillside adjacent to 10th St.(up from Monroe). You'll recognize us by our T-shirts, energy, and wonderful smiles. Look for the balloons!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HISTORY OF THE SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

The Southeastern Confernce for Lesbians and Gay Men has been active in the region for the past eight years.
Begun in 1976 by students and concerned members of the Chapel Hill/Durham,North Carolina community, the SEC first drew 300 participants. Atlanta then was elected to host the 1977 Conference and the first of many debates was begun over Conference structures and techniques. Controversy over the issue of closed workshop space created boycotts and walk-outs by participating organizations.
To smooth things over, SEC attendees voted to send the Conference back to Chapel Hill for the next two years, and thus, it remained in a university setting through 1979.
Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge hosted the 1980 gathering, and attendance rose to approximately 400 people.
Memphis, Tennessee picked up the 1981 Conference with great zeal after one community found out the hard way just how difficult it is to host a regional conference this size. Meg Christian and Mel Boozer headlined the Memphis assembly and the 500 strong participants in the 1981 SEC voted to convene again at the University of South Florida in Tampa. There, 400 people were entertained by comic Robin Tyler and film historian, Vito Russo. Five individuals from Atlanta proposed to the Conference that Atlanta be the 1983 host and thus work for this Conference was begun.
Traditionally, the SEC has been held on university campuses. Reduced facilities costs, adequate housing, and available space requirements all contributed to this pattern. The 1983 Committee found, however, that despite support from campus Lesbian/Gay organizations, no Atlanta based university would house us at a reduced rate. The Vice-President of one university even sent out word to department heads to pass us by-so much for school spirit in Atlanta. Thus, hotel facilities were leased.
The theme of the Atlanta SEC assemblies has been designed to promote self-acceptance and to encourage community involvement and mobilization. In keeping with this spirit, the 1983 Conference Steering Committee hopes to further individual growth while promoting regional communication and intra-state networking.

What happens to our goals, as well as where the SEC will live next year, is now totally in your hand.

Allida Black
Assistant Coordinator

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But to fight back effectively takes money. As a charitable organization, Lambda cannot accept fees from its clients, and we thus depend on contributions and memberships to continue our work. Over 80% of our annual operating budget comes from our members. Our attorneys do donate their time and considerable legal expertise, but the costs of litigation and community legal education are enormous, and the financial support of the lesbian and gay community is crucial to our efforts.

All contributions are tax deductible. As a Lambda member you will receive our newsletter with updated legal information and advice, as well as the various pamphlets on topics of interest that we produce throughout the year. You will also receive invitations to our speaking engagements, workshops, fundraising events and annual awards dinner. Most importantly, you'll be helping us win in the fight for our rights.

All names are kept confidential. Please make checks payable to Lambda Legal Defense or LLDEF, if you prefer.

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10:30 a.m. ~ 12:00 noon

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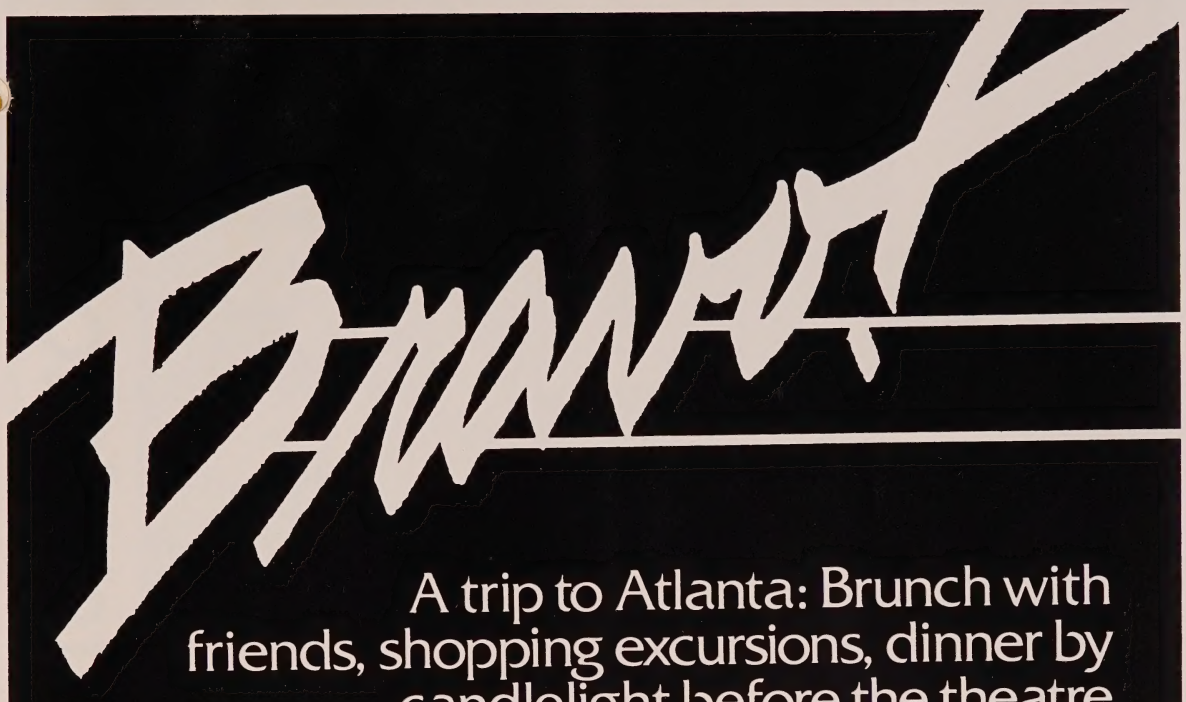

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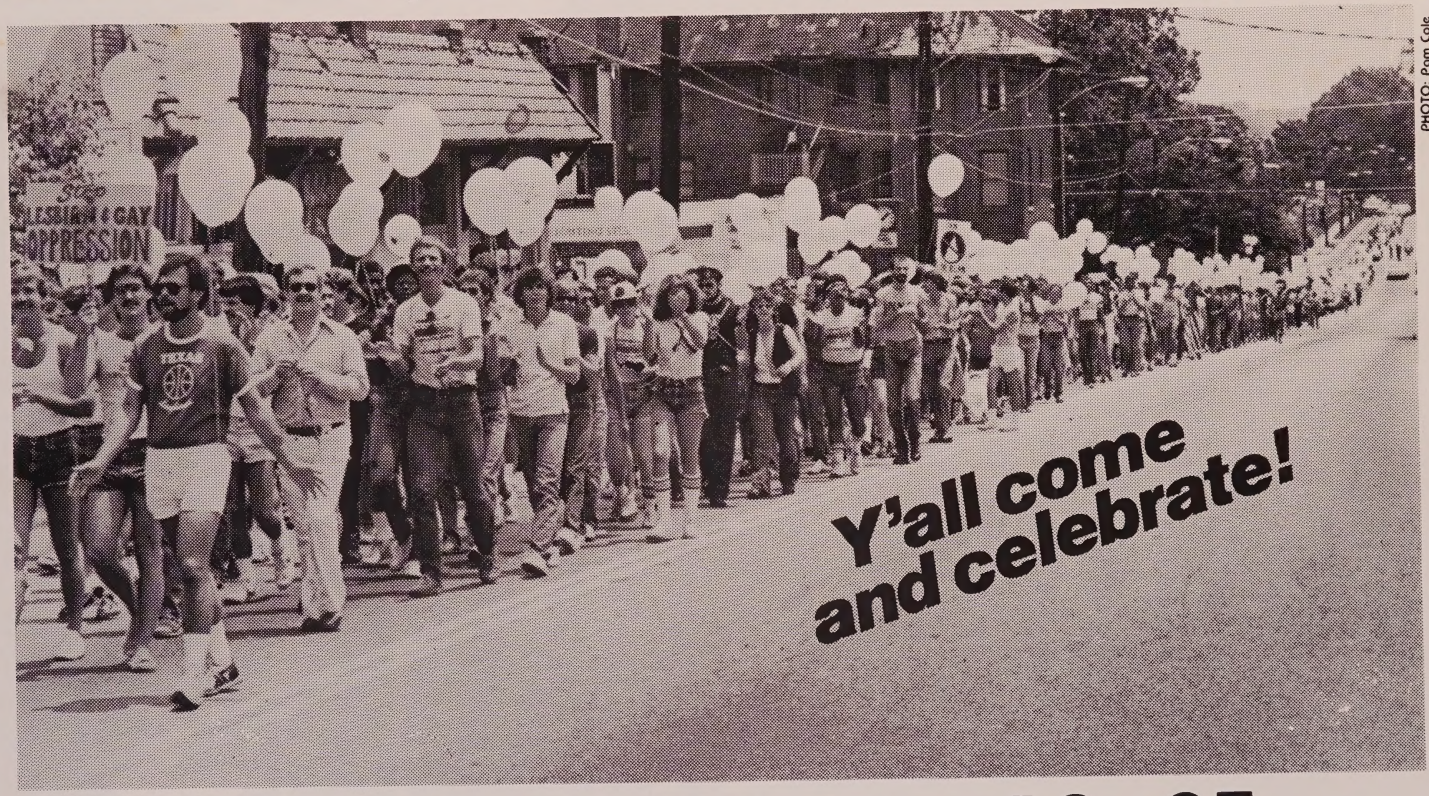

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Pride Week '83, June 18 - 25
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

For more information write: Pride Committee, PO Box 7151, Atlanta, GA 30357

1983 SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE FOR LESBIANS AND GAY MEN

PROGRAM CHANGES

Rita Mae Brown will be the featured speaker at the STADIUM HOTEL, Sinclair Auditorium, Friday, April 29, at 8 p.m. in a benefit for the Human Rights Foundation. (This event was previously scheduled at Georgia State University.)

WORKSHOP SESSION II (11:20-12:50)

Lesbian Writing in Action

Minnie Bruce Pratt, Chapel Hill, NC

An experiential discussion and writing session featuring the editor of Feminary: a Lesbian/Feminist Journal for the South, in a workshop for lesbian writers and/or activists who want to communicate more passionately and effectively with friends and enemies. Come prepared to talk briefly about a situation in your life or community that you'd like to change for the better. Then be ready to write -- a letter coming out to mama? a flyer that will turn out the gay demo of all time in Centreville, Alabama? a poem for a pissed off lover? -- and share the effectiveness.

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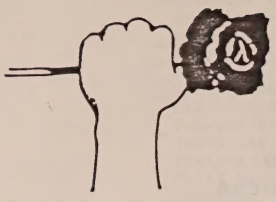


1983 SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE
FOR LESBIANS AND GAY MEN
P.O. BOX 7151
ATLANTA, GA 30357

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Registration Fee: $30
Ticket for Saturday Night Benefit Performance Only: $10
Ticket for Friday Night Human Rights Foundation Benefit: $5

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

7:30 - 9:00 p.m.	Cash bar at the PLUSH ROOM of the HOTEL YORK 683 Peachtree Street
9:00 - 10:00 p.m.	Welcoming presentations by the Atlanta Business and Professional Guild and the Midtown Business Association at the Walnut Room of the HOTEL YORK.

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

All events at The STADIUM HOTEL, 450 Capitol Ave.

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00 - 12 noon	AIDS Symposium
Noon - 2:00 p.m.	Lunch
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.	Conversatory period for patients with AIDS or Immune Deficiency and their friends
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Substance Abuse Panel Discussion
4:00 - 5:00 P.M.	Caucus for lesbian/gay addiction professionals
*6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Lesbian Potluck Supper at the ALFA HOUSE
8;00	Benefit for the Human Rights Foundation featuring Rita Mae Brown ($5 cover fee is not included in Conference registration)

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

All events at the STADIUM HOTEL, 450 Capitol Ave.

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	Registation
9:00 - 9:30 a.m.	Keynote address by Virginia Apuzzo, Executive Director National Gay Task Force, Fund for Human Dignity
9:40 - 11:10 a.m.	WORKSHOP SESSION I

Black and White Men Together(BWMT) and its Role in the Community
Lesbian/Gay Literature: An Overview
The Lesbian/Gay Couple as Family: Principles for building satisfying relationships
Coming Out In The South: Women's Experience
Police/Community Relations
Keeping Well In A World That Wants You Sick
Gay Peer Volunteers: Crisis, Service, Resource
Grassroots Organizing: A Case Study from Falwell Country

SATURDAY, APRIL 30 cont.

11:20 - 12:50 p.m. WORKSHOP SESSION II
- Lesbian Herstory
- Gay Lib: From Pulpit to Pew
- Men's Concerns/Women's Concerns
- Maintaining Health and Humor when the Right is in the White House
- How to Overcome Crises in Community Organizations
- Feminist Therapy
- Herpephobia: How to create the difference that makes a difference
- Making a Culture of Our Own: A Workshop for Gay Men

1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Lunch

3:00 - 4:30 p.M. WORKSHOP SESSION III
- Lesbian/Gay Rights Before Congress
- Being Out - Staying Out: The professionals dilemma in creating social change
- Gay Helplines
- Fairie Caucus
- Lesbian Separatism
- Gay Parenting
- Gay Coupling: Exploring probable parameters
- Sexual Orientation vs Sexual Orientation and What It Has to Do With Homophobia, Coming Out, Oppression, and Gay Pride
- Gay Evangelical--Your Voice in the Bible Belt

4:30 - 6:00 p.m. WORKSHOP SESSION IV
- Lesbian Health Concerns
- Gay and Lesbian Democratic Clubs: An Overview
- Issues of Aging: Old and Gray or Old and Gay?
- Women's Music
- Black and White Men Together (BWMT) and Outreach to Minorities
- Creating New Lives and Family Systems
- Reviving Ancient Heresies
- Donor Insemination
- Challenging the Sodomy Laws
- Lesbian/Gay Poetry Readings

8:30 BENEFIT PERFORMANCE

Hosted By: Armistead Maupin and Rita Mae Brown
MC: Pici
Featuring: Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus
Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus
The Buffalo Chips
Tsunami with Jan Smith
Beth York

SUNDAY, MAY 1

9:30 - 10:00 a.m. A SPECIAL CELEBRATION OF PRAISE
10:00 - 10:30 a.m. Plenary Session
10:30 - Noon Caucus Space Available at the STADIUM HOTEL
1:00 - ????????? PICNIC IN PIEDMONT PARK

WORKSHOP TOPICS

Below is a list of possible workshop topics for the 1983 Southeastern Conference for Lesbians and Gay Men. Indicate the ten (10) topics in which you are most interested by marking them 1 through 10 (1 being the topic of most interest).

__Grassroots Organizing
__Fund-Raising Techniques
__Grantsmanship
__Helplines
__Police/Community Relations
__Politics/Regional & National
__Tie-ins to National Organizations
__Voter Registration
__Feminist Therapy
__Third World Issues
__Same-Sex Couples
__Gay/Lesbian S&M
__Aging
__Lesbian/Gay Parents
__Youth Issues
__Single & Sober/Bar Alternatives
__Religion
__A.I.D.S. (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)
__Lesbian Health Concerns
__Gay Male Health Concerns
__Gays/Lesbians in Health Care
__Gay Literature/Gay Sensibility
__On-the-job Training/Questions at work
__Gay & Lesbian Workforce/Mgmt's Perspective
__Other_____
__I would be interested in facilitating a workshop on_____

LOCATION: The 1983 Conference workshops will be held at the Ramada Hotel/Capitol Plaza (formerly the Stadium Hotel); 450 Capitol Ave., Atlanta, GA 30312
Telephone: 404-688-1900
Rates: $43 - $55.00 (single)
$55 - $67.00 (double)
The York Hotel, near Atlanta's "strip," is the Conference Host Hotel (see information).

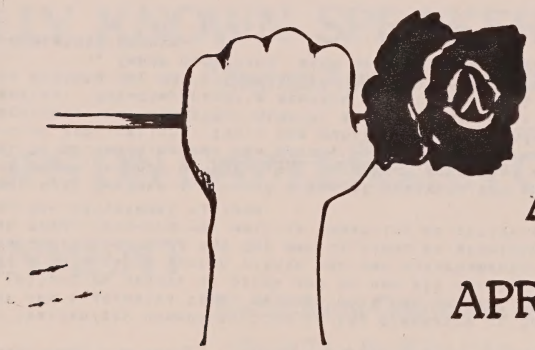
COSTS: Registration Fee for the Conference (includes Fri. & Sat. lunch, Sat. night benefit, conference materials and all workshops): $20.00, after March 31 $30.00.

How can I help?

PLAN A WORKSHOP--You undoubtedly have some specialty which would be of interest to those attending. You may have materials on some topic already prepared. Although a list of suggested topics are enclosed, the Conference is open to any ideas that would be beneficial.

ORGANIZE A HOSPITALITY SUITE--Thursday evening is a social time at the York Hotel. You may represent an organization, city or region that would want to participate in the Conference in this manner. Most of the arrangements will be made directly with the Hotel, but the Conference Steering Committee will be happy to facilitate that planning.

FACILITATE INFORMATION IN YOUR COMMUNITY Each of you can help by xeroxing this brochure and passing it along to a friend. The SEC Steering Committee is also looking for individuals who would function as Coordinators in their community. If you're interested, mark the appropriate box on the Registration Form.



1983 SEC

Southeastern Conference
For Lesbians & Gay Men

ATLANTA, GA

APRIL 28 ~ MAY 1

Proud enough to be strong . . . Strong enough to be gentle

The strength of the lesbian/gay community lies in the diversity of its members. In this conservative and regressive time, we must continue to find strength from our individual and collective senses of pride and to use all our talents and abilities to achieve a networking system within our own environments. The 1983 Southeastern Conference for Lesbians and Gay Men is aimed at providing the tools we need to establish these networks--as well as imparting an active retrospective and encouraging new individual visions.

Conference activities will feature a diverse array of speakers and entertainers including: RITA MAE BROWN, author of Rubyfruit Jungle, Six of One, and Southern Discomfort, and will be introducing her new novel, Sudden Death; DAVID GOODSTEIN, President of Liberation Publications, Inc., the publishers of The Advocate, the national gay newsmagazine; and, ARMISTEAD MAUPIN, author of the ever popular Tales of the City series. Saturday night's benefit performance will feature the entertainment of the Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus, the Atlanta Women's Chorus, the [illegible], famed mime Pici, with featured guest speakers---Rita Mae Brown and Armistead Maupin.

1983 Conference Program

4-28 Evening at Hotel York
Welcome/Hospitality
Cash Bar
Midtown Tour
"Gay Chamber of Commerce"

4-29 at Ramada Hotel
Conference Registration
Workshop
Lunch (included in fee)

Keynote Address
Panel Discussion
-A.I.D.S.
-Substance Abuse
-Overcoming Leadership Crisis

4-29 at G.S.U. at 8p.m.
Benefit for the Human Rights Foundation
Featuring Rita Mae Brown
optional cost $5.00

4-30 at Ramada Hotel
Keynote Address
Workshops
Lunch (included in fee)
Workshops

Benefit Performance 8p.m. (included in fee)

5-1 Various Locations
Special Interest Caucus
Religious Services
Plenary Session
Picnic in Piedmont Park

HOTEL YORK

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Within walking distance from Atlanta's "strip" is the YORK HOTEL--your Host Hotel for the 1983 SEC. Reduced rates have been arranged for all conferees $39.00 single/$45.00 double. For reservations call toll-free 1-800-241-7309 (in Georgia call collect 404-874-9200); please indicate you are attending the 1983 SEC. At the YORK you can enjoy top entertainment at the reknowed cabaret--The Plush Room which will be featuring Wits'End (reservations are recommended). The Palms restaurant, also in the York, is open 24 hours.

1983 Southeastern Conference For Lesbians & Gay Men
April 28 - May 1 Atlanta, GA

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ADDRESS_____
CITY_____STATE_____ZIP_____

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__Assisting in the coordination of Conference activities in my community
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...and more...

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AIDS

(Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)

SYMPOSIUM

FEATURING

James Curran, M.D., M.P.H.-
Centers for Disease Control

Speakers, AID-Atlanta

Information and Resources

Friday, April 29, 9a.m.~12 noon

Stadium Hotel, 450 Capitol Ave., Atlanta

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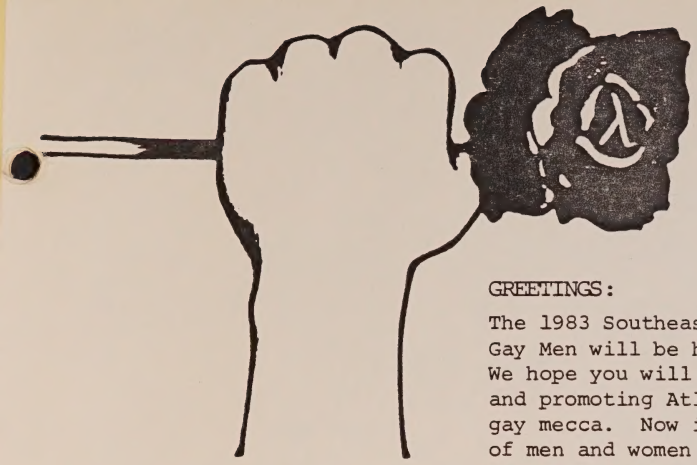

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Southeastern Conference For Lesbians & Gay Men

GREETINGS:

The 1983 Southeastern Conference for Lesbians and Gay Men will be held in Atlanta, April 28 - May 1. We hope you will assist us in hosting the Conference and promoting Atlanta as America's new lesbian and gay mecca. Now is the time to arrange for the housing of men and women who will be coming to Atlanta for the Conference. Your help is needed to make their stay here a comfortable and enjoyable one.

If you can offer housing and hospitality to our guests, please fill out the form below and return before April 7, 1982. (If you have specific questions, please call 223-5183 mornings or weekends)

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Conference Program at **The Stadium Hotel**

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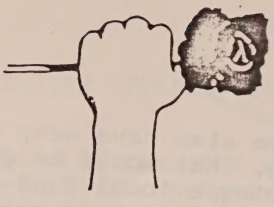

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Dear Friend,

The 1983 Southeastern Conference for Lesbians and Gay Men was held in Atlanta April 28 through May 1--but not without a hitch.

-Local universities turned us away forcing us to hold the Conference in hotel facilities.
-Gay media in other states were more receptive to our information and releases than local gay media.
-We achieved only one-fifth the anticipated attendance.
-Our Saturday night benefit performance and fund-raiser was cut short due to a chlorine leak which forced us to evacuate the facilities.

BUT THE SHOW WENT ON. Even with these hindrances, the eighth annual Southeastern Conference was held. And, we believe the accomplishments are noteworthy and successful.

From comments received, lesbians and gay men who attended returned to their homes with greater insight, broader skills and encouragement for greater community involvement. The nearly 50 facilitators presented us with information and affirmation to help us realize the importance of our work. Plus, we all got to know each other a little bit better.

Holding the Conference at a hotel increased the cost of the event tremendously. But, it was either hold the Conference at a hotel or not at all.

Most people attending the Conference came from outside the Atlanta area. We are excited that the word got out to all of the communities in the Southeast. Unfortunately, the same word was not conveyed locally. Except for Southern Gay Dreams, non-gay media (i.e. the Atlanta Journal and Constitution, and WGST Radio) presented more on the speakers and the Conference. We thank the editors, reporters and community contacts who believed the importance of the Conference and for the help in spreading the word.

Although the Saturday performance was cut short, a strong feeling of comradery was felt as we gathered in the hotel parking lot to hear Rita Mae Brown and Armistead Maupin speak from atop the trunk of a car. And, the positive expression of same-sex affection was made clear before, during, and after the Buffalo Chips' performance in the hotel's lounge. This was a night to remember.

But, now the Steering Committee is trying to raise money locally. We are nearly $2,500 in debt. A yard sale, bake sale, and car wash are being organized to offset some of this debt. But we also need your continued support. All funds donated to the Southeastern Conference will be used toward our debts. Any remaining funds will be turned over to the 1984 Southeastern Conference to be held in Birmingham, AL.

We have several ideas to help pay off our debts, we also have many t-shirts remaining. If you can help us with a contribution, that would be greatly appreciated. If not, could you help us by sponsoring a local fund-raiser (i.e. a special party, bake sale, benefit, etc.) to help not only this Conference but all Conferences to come. We will provide you with status updates regarding our goal.

We hope you will look favorably upon our request.

Sincerely,

Ron Wudarsky
Coordinator

Lainey Richardson
Assistant Coordinator

311 E. College Ave.
Decatur, Ga. 30030
(404) 377-2929

DAVID ORDWAY
Owner / Stylist

We've all been at each other's throats at some point during the incredible amount of work that is involved in putting on a conference of this size, but we've managed to maintain our friendships and respect for each others' opinions. I have learned a lot from this Conference, some good, some bad, about Atlanta, our community, people's reactions to us, but most of all, that we need to really support each other.

Enjoy,

Lainey Richardson
Assistant Coordinator

P.S. Ron and Lainey are desperately looking for dates-Please enclose photo and resume.

THE PLENARY SESSION-OR WHERE THE 1984 SEC WILL LIVE

On Sunday morning, May 1st, a plenary session will be held in the Jackson A room to evaluate the Conference and to decide the 1984 SEC location.

If your community would like to host next year's Conference, a proposal must be submitted to all SEC participants attending the plenary session. This will be a verbal presentation and should not exceed ten minutes in length.

Factors to be included in this proposal should be: available facilities, location in the region, accessibility, community support, and whether your community will draw people to the Conference. It takes months of work to design and assemble a conference of this size. Please do not underestimate the workload by assuming that a few people can share the burden.

If there is any profit from the 1983 Conference, some seed money will be allocated from the funds to the 1984 Conference Planning Committee so that fundraising need not be the first item on the '84 agenda.

Those communities wishing to host the 1984 SEC should contact members of the Steering Committee during the Conference or leave a message at the front desk for Allida Black.

THE 1983 STEERING COMMITTEE

Following the 1982 Southeastern Conference held in Tampa, Florida, the proposal was made and accepted to have the 1983 Conference in Atlanta, The original Steering Committee consisted of a few individuals who were excited about having the Conference here and came back from Tampa enthused enough to "sell" the Conference to our community. The weekly meetings began in April of 1982 and have continued until the present with only one of the original Committee members remaining dedicated and involved.

The Steering Committee for the 1983 Southeastern Conference for Lesbians and Gay Men consists of:

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Conference Coordinator~~/Publicity~~	Ron Wudarsky
Assistant Coordinators	Allida Black
	Lainey Richardson
PUBLICITY	
Agenda	Caitlin Ryan
Facilities	Pat Wells
Housing	Susan Martin
Finance	Frank Butler
Program	John Thompkins CAITLIN / SUSAN
Registration	Stephanie Saunders CAITLIN/SUSAN ALLIDA!

The Steering Committee would like to extend special thanks to the following:

The Atlanta Human Rights Foundation, Georgia State Gay Student Alliance, ACLU, Pride Committee, The Peasant Corporation, Ansley-Cole Florist, Imprinted Advertising of Atlanta, Charis Books, Janet Snyder, Jan Smith and Tsunami, The Buffalo Chips and Atlanta Venture Sports, Beth York, Pici, Atlanta Gay Mens Chorus, Atlanta Feminist Womens Chorus, Lee, Al, Alden, Melvin, Ken, Artemis, David, George, Elliott, Byron, Lee & Earl, J.D., Greg, Joel, Ken, each other, Sirius, B.J. & Snickers, and all the others who helped us by donating time and/or money to the Conference.

*AD SALES REPS (7)

As one of the latecomers to the Steering Committee, I have been fortunate to work with some experienced and very dedicated people. It has been a great pleasure for me to get to know them both personally and professionally. Allida Black, who is a great asset to the gay community of Atlanta, and has become a wonderful friend to me; Caitlin Ryan, whose leadership at the 1979 National Gay Health Conference in New York has helped calm my fears and whose seriousness is balanced well with her wit and humor; Ron Wudarsky, who has had the gall to call me a "pig" on certain occasions; Pat Wells, my dance partner and terminal Coke date after our meetings; Susan Martin, another exceptional credit to the gay community-I'm glad you're back,Jose; John Thompkins, a fellow War Eagle; Frank Butler, our "accountant"; and Stephanie Saunders, our "lawyer".

PROPOSAL TO THE

HUMAN RIGHTS FOUNDATION

As one of the major functions of the Human Rights Foundation is to assist in bringing to Atlanta cultural functions which subtly depict homosexuality as a positive lifestyle and which educate the general public discretely that lesbians and gay men have contributed greatly to our development as a culture, the Steering Committee of the 1983 Southeastern Conference for Lesbians and Gay Men invites the Human Rights Foundation to participate in its annual conference.

The Southeastern Conference is to be held in Atlanta, Georgia the weekend of April 28 through May 1, 1983.

The general objectives of the conference are to bring together lesbians, gay men, their families and friends from throughout the Southeastern United States, and give them the information, the skills, and the affirmation they need to return to their communities healtheir and more willing to participate. A secondary goal is to establish Atlanta as the center of a positive regional network to bring about the civil rights of lesbians and gay men.

The Steering Committee believes that many of the goals of the conference coincide with those of the Foundation in that:

1) The conference is open to all who wish to participate, regardless of sexual orientation.

2) One of the major purposes of the conference is to

A) illustrate through the cultural events listed below the contributions that lesbians and gay men have made to society historically

(via workshops on gay composers, authors, directors, and scholars; presentations by musicians, and experts in various classical fields)

AND

B) foster this contribution through educating the conference participants regarding current literary, musical, and artistic projects within mainstream America and illustrating how the lesbian/gay community can profit from these endeavors

(via presenting plays by Jane Chambers and Robert Patrick, films of a classical and contemporary nature, keynote addresses by Rita Mae Brown and Armistead Maupin, and panel discussions and

formal presentations by scholars and other professionals noted by their colleagues for their expertise in a certain field).

To achieve this goal, funds must be raised. Lists of projected expenditures and incomes are attached. To this end, the Steering Committee has contacted Mark McCutchan who has agreed to coordinate with Allida Black the production and selling of a program for the conference, which would be distributed to approximately 2000 people. The revenue from advertising will provide the operating funds to complete conference construction.

However, an immediate need is for $3000 seed money to be repaid on or by January 1, 1983. This money would be dispensed as follows:

$1750	Rita Mae Brown (for three days participation)
350	Armistead Maupin
1000	Lily Tomlin or other major headliner

Rita Mae and Armistead are committed to attending the Conference and have adjusted their fees accordingly; however, the amounts listed above are prerequisites to signing their contracts. Arrangements for the headliner are contingent upon completion of the Brown and Maupin contracts.

As the attendance of these three individuals is the cornerstone of the conference, and as these three individuals would all appear on stage at the Fox Theatre Saturday night April 30, 1983 in a benefit for the major projects of the Atlanta lesbian/gay community, and as the attendance of these people would greatly alter both conference attendance and press coverage as well as the revenue generated by the conference, it is of primary importance that they be solidified as soon as possible.

The Steering Committee realizes that the Foundation is primarily concerned with cultural events. This event is a unified personification of the best of lesbian and gay talent today, by people whose scope and appeal are not limited to a segregated homosexual audience. It is our belief that the climate generated by both the information disseminated at the conference and the enthusiasm created by the performance at the Fox will fulfill all the goals that the Foundation may require of their projects.

An addenda of all pertinent information concerning conference organization, participation, financing, purpose and scope are attached.

PROJECTED BUDGET FOR THE 1983 SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE FOR LESBIANS AND GAY MEN

$7250	Speaker's fees and honorarium	
	3500	Rita Mae Brown
	750	Armistead Maupin
	1000	Keynote Speaker (David Goodstein)
	2000	Lily Tomlin or other major headliner
3000	Transportation	
	2250	Round-trip fare from San Francisco for three
	662	Round-trip fare from Los Angeles for one
3500	Fox Theatre reservation and technical fees	
250	Hotel accomodations for guest speakers/performers	
1000	Postage, using bulk rate permit	
4500	Printing	
	posters, programs, stationery, play bills, etc	
2000	Miscellaneous technical expenses	
	audio-visual equipment	
	props and scenery for Fox benefit	
	mechanics of conference workshop presentations	
3600	Promotion and advertising expenses	
$25,000	TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENDITURES	

PROJECTED INCOME FORM THE 1983 SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE FOR LESBIANS AND GAY MEN

Minimum

500 registered attendants at $25 perregistration	$12,500
3000 spectators at the Fox benefit at $10 a ticket	30,000
Revenue from 2000 program advertising and sales	6,000
Total minimum revenue projection	48,500
Less projected expenses	25,000
Total income remaining	17,500

Maximum

1000 registered attendants at $25 per registration	$25,000
3000 spectators at the Fox benefit at $10 a ticket	30,000
Revenue form program advertising and sales	9,000
Total maximum revenue projection	64,000
Less projected expenses	25,000
Total maximum income projection	$39,000

PROJECTED INCOME FROM THE 1983 SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENEN

POSSIBLE WORKSHOP TOPICS

Grass roots organizing in resistant/conservative communitites

Lesbian Health Concerns

Gay Male Health Concerns

Same Sex Couples

"On the job training"-- how to handle questions at work

Police/ Community Relations

Coming out: Friends, family, employers

Lesbians and Gay men as parents

Current political scene-- regionally and nationally

Tie-ins with national gay and mised organizations

Gays in Health Care Professions

Middle management philosophy-- gays on work force as employer and employee

Fundraising Techniques

Helplines

Gay literature: an overview

Gays and aging

How to meet people outside the bars-- single and sober

Religion

Professional papers in professional publications

Feminist therapy

Is there a gay sensibility in the arts

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